

# Cigarette Kisses



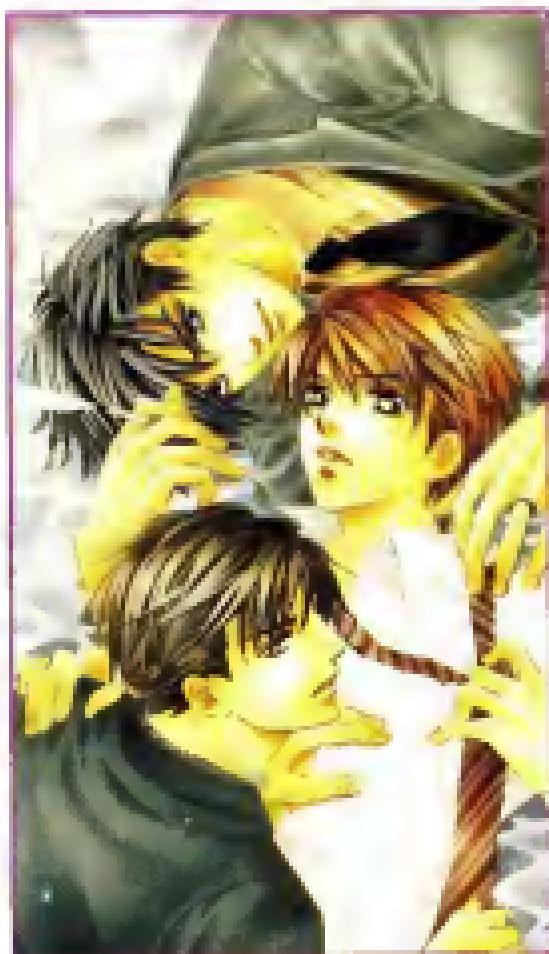
Deux

Nase Yamato

EXPLICIT  
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## Where There's Smoke...

**Y**usuke and Soji have been close ever since junior high, even to the point of being something more...but Yusuke was devastated when Soji suddenly announced that he was getting married. Years later, Yusuke and Soji meet up again in their company smoke room, and although their love for cigarettes has brought them together, their love for each other remains unspoken. With the conflicted Soji trapped between marital obligations and true love, and his charming rival, Masahito, trying to fill the hole in Yusuke's heart, what is Yusuke to do? Is Soji another guilty addiction that he'll never be able to quit?



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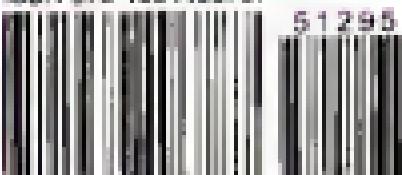
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# 古び行方 大和名酒

DAIICHI  
YASAKAWA

I was just  
sending  
the mail  
you asked  
me to.

Got a  
minute?

Sure,  
Boss.

people,  
I'll be  
back in 3  
minutes

But...

Boss, is  
going to  
smoke  
again?

Kazuhara  
too

Well, well  
Join me for a  
smoke?

I like it  
more when  
I have  
company  
with I  
smoke.

There's  
only in  
the whole  
building

This year we have  
put in a  
new  
smoking room.

Our  
company is  
well  
advanced in  
protecting  
non  
smokers





I  
see  
nowhere  
I don't  
want to  
see

H



The smoking room is magnificent.

I understand that it was your idea, Kogayama?

I thought that it was better than prohibiting smoking throughout the building.

Yes.

I had to fight to get in this room.

It was a real chore, but it only took 3 years.

You're the salvation of the smokers.

You really helped us out.

The superiors treat him with respect.

If you were... in our section...

It would be good in honor for others.

This company...

is owned by his family.

Of course he's special.



If we take a long time...

they'll hate us smokers even more

Well...

See you soon.

Then there'd be no point in having this very room

Someday he'll run above me

He's young but he is very mature.

but ever since this room was made...

In fact, I feel inferior

I see him even more.

I have been avoiding him...

He has always been mature like that









I was the best  
man

It  
was  
wedding...



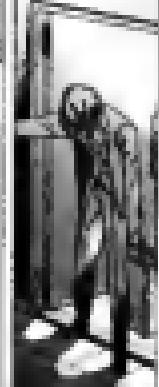
I organized the  
reception...

and I started to cry  
when I got  
home.

that there  
might be  
someone  
like her.

I never  
thought...

But I couldn't  
even look at  
the bride's  
face...







You get  
married and  
settled down

I don't think we  
should continue to  
act stupid like in  
the old days.

It's not  
what  
you  
think.

You're  
usually...

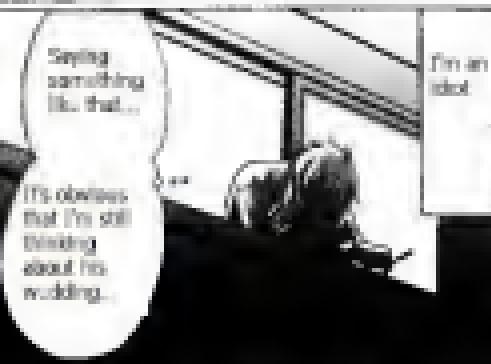
YOSHIO

Listen to me.

more  
cheerful  
with me.

Let's  
have a  
drink.

Sometime  
soon...



I can't look  
him in the  
face.

I don't want  
to seem like  
a lonely old  
man

Come on,  
man

Could you  
smoke on  
your own at  
least once?

Boss...

KUSANAGI

Let's have  
a smoke.



Do you mind if  
I join you?

Excuse me.

KNOCK  
KNOCK









You've  
found a job  
to devote  
all your  
effort.



It's not as  
noble as  
that.

I just wanted to  
forget everything.

Um

That's  
wonderful.



How a  
great  
relationship

You...



In truth...



I would  
like to  
work with  
you



That's  
why I  
came to  
this  
company

Where



I'm here  
because of  
you two...







For some reason...



be honest  
with  
myself.



I also  
want to  
but...



Don't  
worry  
about  
me.



we're both  
very busy  
with our  
work.

What?

and we're  
not bothered  
by it...

But...

It's been a  
month since  
we've seen  
each other.

She's usually  
later than  
me.

My wife  
doesn't get  
mad no  
matter how  
late I come  
home.





Why didn't you come to me??

You're an honest boy.

I know you'd be angry with me.



I never realized.

If I did...

You wouldn't have been happy for me, right?

Sorry!



I was in a  
state of  
shock.

and I withdrew.

...suspect...

I'm to blame  
for not  
telling you

It's not  
that....

It's...



I thought...

that you'd found  
someone more  
important than me.

I know nothing  
of this.

Good.

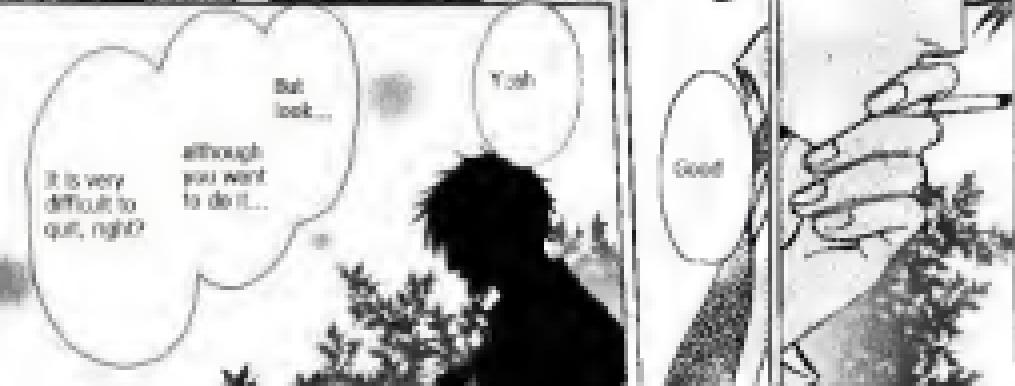
I'm going to  
be ok now.



I...

and I get  
reunited.











However,  
it doesn't  
matter...

But I  
want to  
quit...

I can't stop  
thinking  
about him

I can't

I can't.

If you're  
not  
smoking  
that  
cigarette,  
let me.

You should  
not force  
yourself...

to quit.

I definitely  
smoke too  
much.

I'm not quitting...

either.

Even though  
you want to  
do it...

You're talking  
about  
smoking.

It's hard to quit.



# Cigarette Kisses

CHAPTER 2





I feel like  
moving again.

It's been 3  
years since  
Sophie's  
wedding.

I want to ask  
something.

Hmm...  
mhm

Oh, that's  
unusual.

What is it?

Um...  
nothing.

Can you  
lend me...

KAZUHARU







...you  
wouldn't  
have been  
happy for  
me, right?

If I  
did...

but I didn't  
know the  
burden that  
was upon him.

Not too long ago I  
should've gotten angry  
with Soga...



I didn't  
realize that he  
had married  
for the sake  
of the  
company.

I wanted  
him.

I was jealous  
and ran away

I felt  
guilty...

Papa,  
I do it.



I wish we could...

return to the  
way it was  
before...

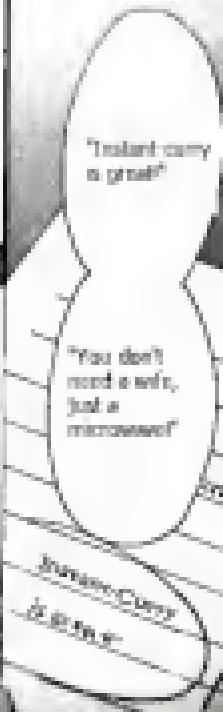
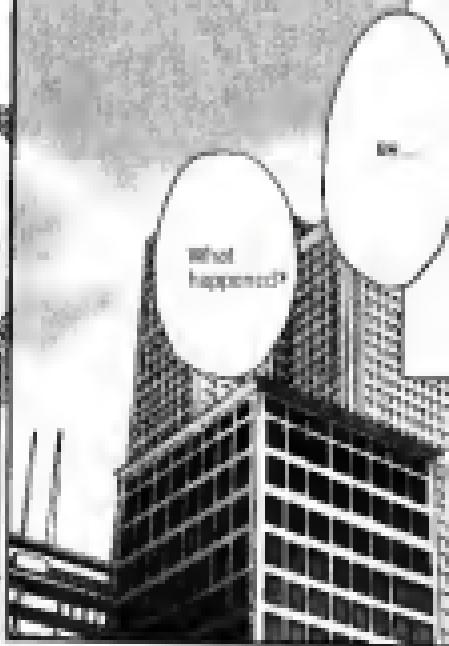
when we  
were kids...

Perfect.  
What do  
you say,  
Misaki?

Of course I  
will.

That's why I  
joined this  
company.















YUSKE

HMM

Tell the  
Janitor...

I dropped  
a toilet  
inside.

You're  
going to  
get dirty!

squeeze

point



You keep doing  
that lately...

Don't say  
stupid things!





Although  
you're only  
married on  
paper...

Shouldn't  
you try to  
take care  
of that  
marriage?

And I thought  
I was being  
cool

Stop  
missing  
around

But you can  
always try to  
get closer to  
her.

Maybe you  
don't get  
along  
now...

After all,  
you think  
alike, right?

I expected  
this lecture  
from you.

Do not  
discount the  
possibility.

You should  
look at it in  
a more  
positive  
way.

You can  
live freely,  
next to one  
another.



Perhaps

Maybe I need  
something I  
shouldn't  
have?

I was  
wrong?

Not at  
all...

But maybe  
Sayu is  
unable to  
handle it.

It makes all  
the sense in  
the world.



We have started a new project.

DING DONG

I want to have a clear head...

and act normally.



SOUL

Sorry, I need something

When I get home...

my wife was there.

But...  
could you give me the ring?

It's hard to say...

EAT

What?



And for  
that I need  
the ring.



I thought  
about what  
you said.

I'm  
convinced.



Don't  
worry.

NO.



I feel like  
an idiot.

Sorry.



I should try  
to smooth  
things over  
with her.



Let's see...  
the ring...



Yeah,  
that's  
good.

This is for  
the best.



Ah,  
that's  
right.



I gave  
it to  
MAMORU.

Hold on.

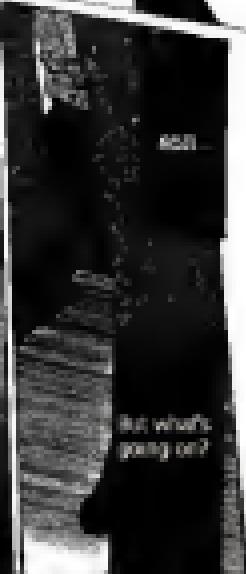
I'll try  
again...



Let's call  
him.



I have to  
tell you the  
truth,  
Yusuke.



But what's  
going on?



Let me stay  
like this for  
a minute...

Sorry...

If I got married...

...I thought I  
wouldn't  
lose you.

But mostly  
it was a  
relief for  
me.

It's true that  
my family  
pushed me

and that she  
is a great,  
independent  
girl!

The real  
reason why  
I got  
married.

What?

I have  
always been  
in love with  
you...

SORRY

If I hadn't  
gotten  
married...

...I know I  
would have  
loved myself on  
you.









We will not  
use those  
shitty  
slang.

But that's a  
good thing

Yeah

You're  
not...  
going after  
Sora?

Hmm

"No need  
for a wife?"  
"Alone is  
Great!"

Come on,  
He's such a  
lovable guy

FLAP

and why he  
threw away  
the ring.

Perhaps this  
is what  
he wanted...

You could be  
together

If you're  
honest with  
yourself...

You  
missed...  
Your chance  
to hit a  
homeroom.

What are  
you  
saying?

Give me  
that!

I'm going  
to drink

I did the  
right thing.

What I did was ok.



I'm going  
to drink  
it all and  
then go to  
bed.

I'm glad he's gain  
the give his  
marriage another  
try.

I didn't  
have to say  
anything

HOL

Are you sure  
you're ok  
with this?

You're a  
complete...

Idiot



...then I'm going  
to have you...

If you are  
ok with it...

I've made the  
right decision.

What I did  
was the  
right thing.



Cigarette  
Kiss

Chapter 5

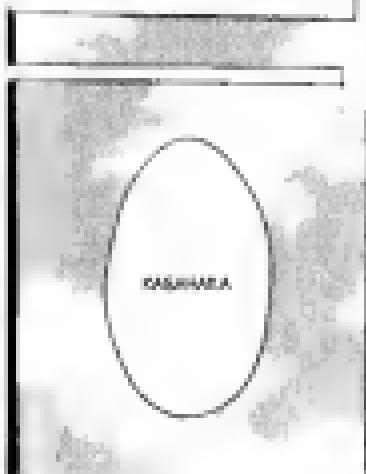


I'm going to have you

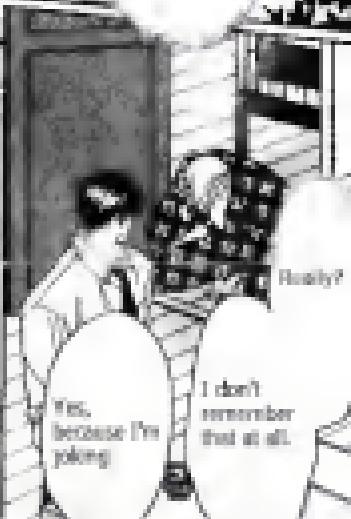
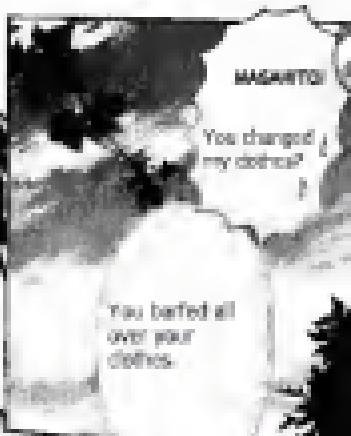
You're a real shot.













That was  
shock of me



I'm sorry  
for all the  
trouble I  
have  
caused



But I'm very  
happy that  
Masahito was  
here.

If he hadn't  
come, I don't  
know what  
would have  
happened.









Now I just  
have to...  
wait...

...for some  
time to pass

KAGAMINE RIN

Over time we will  
be able to forget  
everything that has  
happened.

What is it?

I've been  
looking around the  
cafeteria  
KAGAMINE RIN

Do you...  
have  
a girlfriend?

I wanted to  
ask you  
something.

Sorry  
Bass.

How  
lonely

You have left  
me out during  
the smoking  
break.





Fine...  
Sorry

Huh?  
Your  
smoking  
smoke

I think men  
who smoke  
are sexy

Oh,  
I'm ok  
with it.

MAGNETO:  
Try to be a  
little  
friendlier

Fine...

More beer!  
From the  
bott!

When  
we're  
alone

Really?

It's alright.  
Other men in  
that and  
cafe

GGH  
I'd love to  
be alone  
with you!

THUD

Every  
one's  
cafe  
tonight









...BAGGAGE...

GRIP

But if you decide to...

...just dress like this...

I was going to  
wait a little  
longer to tell  
you.

... I won't  
hesitate

I'll help you  
for myself!

If you're going  
to be with  
Kugayama ...

...I'll give  
you up.

What are  
you saying?  
Stop looking  
around!

What?

The  
game...  
isn't over  
yet...

If you don't  
want me to  
force myself  
on you...

...then be  
more true  
to your  
feelings.

If I wanted  
to have  
you, I  
could do it  
anytime.

You're so  
ridiculous

What do you  
mean by that?

WASABE: Hey, wait

I'm going into  
some innings.

BO...

BOY

I can't  
believe  
he leaves  
me

No  
way...

I never even  
thought of  
him that  
way

MASA-  
ANPOP

BOB

HEY

How was  
the dinner?

Sorry to  
show by so  
late.

I needed to  
ask you  
something.

Yeah...

Is there  
something  
wrong?

Is there  
something  
going on  
between  
Mashiro...

...and you?

Sorry if I'm  
intruding,  
but...









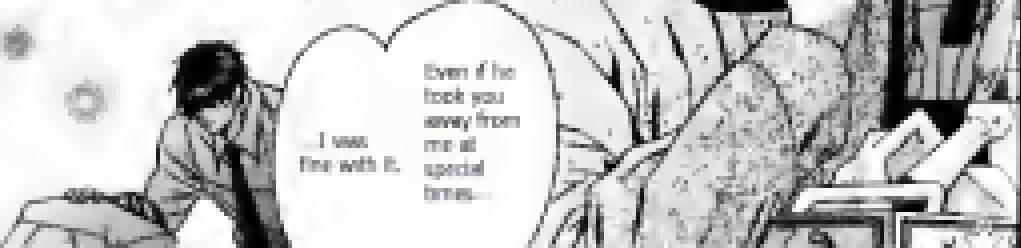
I don't want to  
feel like this.

















AH.



It's too late  
to cry now...

You can think  
of me as  
Kagome

I won't be  
so mere.

Stop...

MASH

PUSH

PUSH

PUSH

ON

AM

THIRST

CLASH

II

?

II

THIRST

Think about  
R...

who's  
inside you  
now.

It's not here...



You really  
are  
an idiot.

I can't  
believe

...think  
dearly right  
now!

I don't want  
to think.

# Cigarette Kisses

CHAPTER 4



I couldn't bear  
him with all my  
strength.

If I had  
only  
known...

...I'd have  
been able to  
tell sooner.

...I hadn't  
realized  
your feelings.

But I...

Although...

...we've been  
together  
for so  
long...



This is all a  
misunder-  
standing.

What are  
you  
saying?

I'm  
prepared  
for it

If you're  
going to cut  
spaghetti,  
please make  
it raw.

I was only going to  
make spaghetti

CHOP

Don't just  
stand there.

Can you  
pass me  
the pan?

You made me  
some the other  
time,

So I  
thought I'd  
return the  
favor.



Why are you doing this?



Are you going to pretend that nothing happened between us?

I'll tell  
MASARU

MASARU

...that I'm taken

Please don't try to play it off!

I won't let you act like nothing happened.

But...

I put 10 years of feeling into last night.



I think I'm  
going to be  
sick.

I can't  
walk  
anymore.

It hurts  
when I  
walk.

Damn...

My  
stomach  
hurts  
too...

MICHAEL:

I should  
have taken  
the day off

Damn it.

I should call  
for help

AMASAKOTO:





GRAB





I'm going to take him home.

BEST

I'm fine  
Put me down!

BEST

KASHIWARA  
WANTS TO  
LEAVE NOW.

Don't worry.

I'll take him.

MUSASHIWA-  
RA...



I've known  
that Masahito  
was in love  
with you too





So I slept  
with him...

I was  
surprised

I didn't...

I felt bad for  
now having  
nudged before

...know how  
Masahito  
felt until  
yesterday...

Masahito

I think  
Masahito  
was  
annoyed  
with me

You don't need  
to tell me this...

I've been in  
love with you...

Should I tell  
him  
everything?

I want  
you to  
hear  
this...

There's  
no point  
in hiding  
my  
feelings  
anymore







OK,  
well

Thank  
you.

Maybe I  
could...

Yes,  
of course!

I wanted  
to ask  
you...

about

while  
Kagayama-  
san isn't  
around

You?  
I don't  
really have  
time...

Oh, of  
course.  
Can you?

I would like to  
go check on  
Kosshara  
during lunch

You are  
friends,  
right?

Have you  
heard?

I heard...

...that his wife  
is pregnant.

About  
what?







How  
it changes

Thus...

...you've let  
go of all your  
problems.

high

I am...

I feel  
really  
strange.

I feel  
clean,  
relaxed

...at  
something.

MOMOKO

He knows  
how you  
feel

How do you feel  
about it?

I can't...

...say yes

Can I...

...with you

your feelings?

But I won't  
run away

Thanks for  
always being  
there for me

Sorry I didn't  
realize sooner



No,  
it's not.

A father at 25,  
that's early.

These days,  
that age is  
about right.

Have you  
heard?

MOUNTAINA  
is going to  
have a  
child

Yeah.

I'm glad they  
forgot about  
the day Soj  
cornered me off

The rumors  
won't stop.

HES.  
HES.

Don't  
spread  
rumors

Even, never  
the first to  
start it!

My

... You mean  
we're getting  
old?

Come to  
think of it, a  
child makes us  
adults,  
right?

Soon...

It's true.

What I mean is  
that we have  
become adults

Don't talk  
that way

I want Soj  
to tell me.

When Soj  
got married  
all of a  
sudden, I  
was  
shocked.

But this  
time, I want  
to be happy  
for him.







What do  
you mean?

Wait.

HEY  
SOS!

We can't let  
this get out  
soon.

That was fast.



The baby...

...isn't mine.



At this  
moment...

...my wife is  
with her lover.





Her father found out...

...and I told her to have the baby in mine.

We were discussing what to do.

That's the reason she came home.

When?

the other day

He begged me to keep it a secret.

But...

But...

companies are about to merge

I don't want to create problems

I feel like getting a divorce if I think about the baby.









Sorry

I just...

...and what am I  
supposed to do now?

What...

I don't  
know  
what is  
right  
anymore



I only know  
one thing.

But I expect that...

...is already  
wrong

I don't want  
to have our  
relationship



Cigarette  
Kisses

CHAPTER 5

I didn't want  
to ruin his  
marriage...

...I wanted to  
stay friends.

...I have  
him alone.

I can't...

But...

The baby  
isn't mine

For doing  
this to you.

Sorry.



The Soji  
I know...

is always  
positive  
and  
cheerful.

I don't want  
to look  
pathetic in  
front of you

You make  
everyone  
around you  
happy.

SOJI

Be your  
old self.

Don't be  
like that.

I don't want...

...to choose a  
life of it's.

So...

That's  
what I like  
about you.



I can only wish  
for the best.

Thanks.

Although it's  
your  
decision...

SAKAMOTO.

SAKAMOTO.

I was...

...about to  
go to your  
place.

Perfect  
timing.

Can you tell  
me what's going on?

Don't

Depending  
on your  
explanation,  
I might hit  
you.

Sorry.

What could  
be worse? I  
don't know  
what to say.

Then the  
babies...

I'll be busy  
for a while.

So what  
are you  
going to  
do?

Yeah,

Can you watch  
over Yusuke?

But don't  
worry.

...I want  
you to take  
care of  
Yusuke...

When I  
leave...

What do  
you mean?

Do you...

...know  
what  
you're  
saying?

I had sex  
with him

I faced  
myself on  
him!

Doesn't that  
bother you?

It  
bothers  
me.

You

You want  
to go  
somewhere  
after  
practice?

Sure

There's a CD  
I want to  
buy.

But I...

Sorry, I have  
a date today.

have done  
worse

Recovery  
Afternoon

...and did  
perverted  
things.

I kept  
quiet...

I was  
attracted to  
him.

YUKIJI

...before you  
slid with  
him, right?

You told  
him how  
you felt...

But I was  
too scared  
to admit it.

and I used  
girls as an  
escape...

Don't  
wake up.

Are you  
awake?

YUKIJI





Please, don't  
wake up

So I tried...

to hide  
even more.

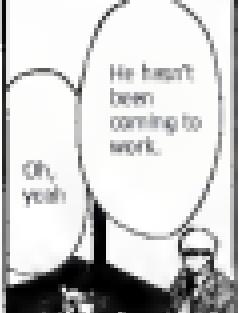
That's why I  
got married.

I didn't want  
him to know  
my dirty  
feelings.

I wanted  
him...

It was the  
worst  
Christmas  
ever.





He said he'll be busy for a while.

Yes.

You talked to Sogata?

I know everything.

...SAY

What do you mean it's useless?

He said I could be with you.

IDK

What the hell is going on?

He didn't tell me anything.

He might...

...never come back.

He asked me to take care of you...

...while he's gone.







I'm going to do everything I can.

I don't care how shaped I look.

Are you soft about this?

Maybe they know something.

TADA

...that this would happen someday

I had a feeling...

Sorry....

Sorry, sorry.

Yush.  
It has been a long time.

If's been a while since we last here.

Three months have passed...

for causing trouble...

Hello. This is Kasahara.

Yes?

I really don't think...

...this is a good idea.

Simon says disconnect!

No.

Oh, my YOSHIO!!

Yes.  
MASAHITO is here too.

I told them  
they didn't  
need to.

They left  
their home  
and their  
jobs.

They both  
felt bad...

ER?

That can't be!

Roku-chou  
might know...

I don't  
really  
know...

Then,  
where is  
Soy now?

Are you  
really going  
to call her?

What are you  
going to do  
with her  
number?

KOBASHIKA.

I need to know what Sofi is doing now.

I need to know.

I'm sorry this took so long and I won't stop now.

I know all about you.

Sofi's friend?

My name is Kousuke.

Sorry for calling so suddenly.

Yes,

...

It was an arranged marriage...

...but so, everything was fine at first.

...even though I'm older.

It was my mistake

...so, but they together were fine

I feel someone else...

I know...

...but he took the blame for everything

...I never thought I'd talk to her like this.

Sofi's wife...

...I think of him as my little brother

Even now...

I've known him since we were young...

Oh, of course I liked him

...through our parents

BEST

You didn't like...

She has a soft voice, she's not like I imagined

SABAHADA

the life that Sojō invented

If I had tried to find it...

When Sojō's marriage was set...

...I would have discovered

I was shocked and ran away...

2-5-205,  
2nd street.

...she may have  
been shaped...  
...but he's even  
more shaped.

She gave  
me an  
address.

I will make  
him tell me  
what he's  
thinking.

I won't let  
him be  
anywhere.

Let's go.

The it's  
over there.

This is 3rd...

It's that  
corner...

There  
it is!







This time  
for real...

Even if it takes  
me 10 years...

...thought  
Rika for  
already?

You...

Until then,  
see ya.

The company  
asked me not  
to say  
anything

But once  
everything  
is ok, I will  
return to  
say  
goodbye.

I need to go  
to my part  
time job

I'm sorry, I  
need to leave  
you alone



Why I fell in  
love with you.

I now  
remember...

I'm...

...sorry.

KAGAYAMA...

...with  
Kagayama,

I was in love  
with you  
because you  
were in love...

You always  
looked at  
Kagayama

...in my  
arms.

Much older than  
when you were...

...looking for  
him.

You looked  
cute doing all that.

Today you  
looked so  
cute...

You did  
everything  
possible to  
be at his  
side.

Can I kiss you?  
For the first  
and last time?

MASAMUNE

So can we  
kiss just  
once?

...but I didn't  
see you that  
night.

EMI

Maybe you  
didn't  
notice...

Please  
stop...

MASAMUNE

If you'd  
hesitated

...my cute  
Koushika  
from now on

...I would've been  
really disappointed

I'm sorry...  
—I don't...

I'm glad

You...



If I hadn't  
done that  
that night...



I don't regret  
what I did.

...today  
probably  
wouldn't have  
happened



Sorry.

Thanks...

...for  
making me  
understand  
everything

...for  
leading you on

I won't run away

YUSUKE

I won't  
hide.

Welcome home

I wanted  
to be  
with you

Yeah...

This  
late?

You waited  
for me?

You don't  
have to be  
that  
puzzled.

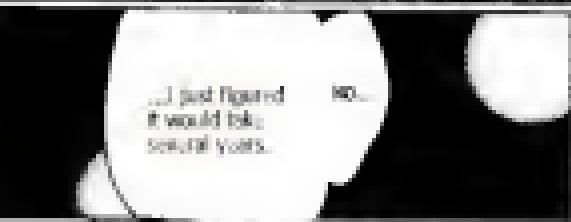
I promised  
Mosselito...

...that I  
won't  
hesitate  
anymore.

mm

...spend  
the night?

Let  
me...





Finally I'm  
fond of myself.

Dad...  
I always  
loved you...

I love  
YOU... YOU...



Mia  
too...







But our first time...

It took so many years to get here

...was so fast that it was embarrassing.

Yeah

Let's go take a shower.

After that...

Let's talk until morning...

Let's start over

That's what it felt like

We could start over together.

...about everything that happened before.

Our relationship was beginning once again.

I was happy

Yes



From now on, we  
can always talk.

About our  
close, but  
distant  
relationship.

About  
every  
thing I  
couldn't  
say.

The merger  
seems to be  
going well.

No matter how  
hard you try...

...People may  
hold grudges

Once he settled  
down, his going  
to come over to  
greet us?

That's...  
great...

I was a  
little...  
worried

You're so  
predictable.

But...

You've  
become  
more  
beautiful.

...I would like to move  
forward as much as  
possible.

Kagayama  
is doing  
fine.

KOGAYAMA  
ISHTA  
RACHID  
LAS-DEZAS  
DREN

ORIWA  
You look?

I won't  
lose the  
company...

Haha... no  
mistake.

EXIT

I came to  
say goodbye.

MASANTO

What are  
you doing  
here?

Don't...

You're a  
great friend.

...I'm not  
giving up  
alcohol.

Let's go  
drinking  
sometime.

When  
Rugyevna  
makes it big

MASANTO:  
Well...

Don't rush  
things...

I'm graduating  
from the  
smoking room.

...I'm  
quitting  
smoking.

MASANTO:

I only  
smoked for  
your sake,

You  
really...

I don't need  
to anymore-





I quit smoking

A year has passed since then.

Off

Good morning

Good morning

Kosahara keeps smiling...

as if nothing happened

Class  
comes

I see

No. I'm a little late today

Do you always come in at this hour?

The bus



...about my feelings.

...and tries to  
sound natural.

He  
smokes ...

I just had a  
cigarette.

Dan  
You can  
smell it?

He doesn't  
have to.

Don't worry  
about that.

Doesn't it  
bother you  
since you  
quit  
smoking?



Dan

There's  
nothing  
there!

Let me  
see.

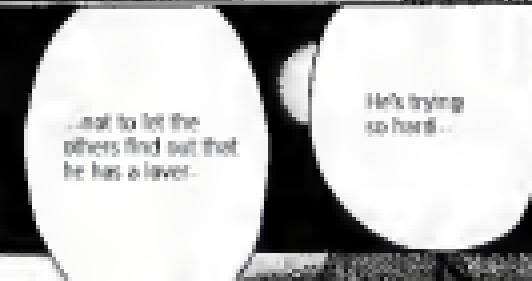
Your left  
hand!

What are  
you talking  
about?

You don't  
have to hide  
it.







Go put a ring on him.

It's so annoying to watch them.

--so, the women at work, together with Horomi-san are always eying him.  
He still appears to be available.

I want

My wants to make him the more gaudy.

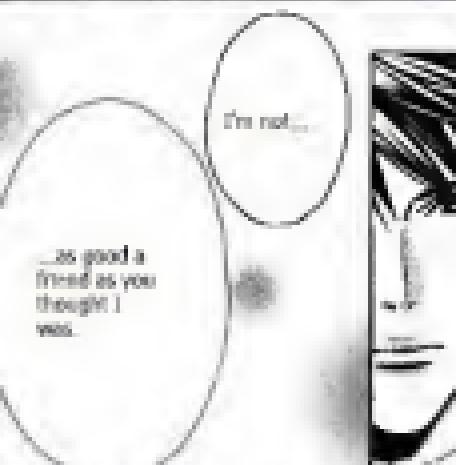
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MACHITO

Kouch  
Kouch

Hello

He has been watching our backs.  
Watching on all sides.



Do there is no  
reason to worry  
about me

Just to  
get the  
drinks  
going

Dago, do  
you talk  
behind my  
back all the  
time?

...from a  
distance,  
but I can't

watch them  
being  
happy...

I could  
...

Yes,  
stuff.

I can only talk to  
Masahiro about  
that stuff. You  
understand,  
right?

What  
stuff?

...and want to be  
involved with  
these two...

In the end ...

Just like it's  
been for all  
these years.

...and will be for  
all the years to  
come.

I want to  
be around  
those two.

I can't pay  
you much.

Hurry up  
and start  
your own  
company.

And hire me too.

We're not  
making that

I will sell a  
lot for you!

Your  
"Curry for  
Couples"

The two of  
them are here  
for me.

This is the  
kind of life...

I wish  
to have...

I quit  
smoking

But...



—with weird tastes

BONUS STORY - END



## AFTERWORD

Hello. This is Nese Yamato.  
Thank you for buying this book!  
This story became pretty serious,  
which is unusual for me.  
I'm hoping that you'll see a different  
side of me through this book.  
Thanks to the assistants who helped me,  
and my editors!

I hope to see you again soon!

Nese Yamato.